

House Resolution 2261

By: Representatives Kidd of the 141st and Powell of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ed Holcombe for outstanding public service; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ed Holcombe has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of this state as evidenced dramatically by his
8 superlative service as Chief of Staff to Governor Sonny Perdue; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Executive Staff of the Governor, Chief Lobbyist Holcombe
10 had a distinguished career at Georgia Power which he began in 1967 and retired from the
11 company as Vice President of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs; and

12 WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career with Georgia Power, Mr. Holcombe
13 was regarded as one of the most competent and talented leaders working on a variety of key
14 issues such as economic development, federal legislation, business development, and issues
15 coming before the Public Service Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcombe was equally adept working on issues of importance to his local
17 community where he served as Chairman of the Rockdale County Hospital Authority,
18 Chairman of the Rockdale County Development Authority, President of the Rockdale
19 Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Rockdale United Way, President of the Rotary
20 Club, and as a trustee for the Georgia 4-H Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, his leadership as the Governor's Chief of Staff has involved service not only to
22 the Governor, but also members of the General Assembly and the business community
23 throughout Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcombe, in building his lobbyist career, took politicians in his oil burning
25 modified and cold school bus to locations like Savannah and Biloxi to fish in his ten feet
26 wide stream stocked with state fish; and

27 WHEREAS, he played gin rummy five days a week courting friendships with specific
28 committee chairmen, never winning, but reporting his losses on his expense account and his
29 lobbyist disclosure; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcombe's overall career of service, including both his professional
31 employment and volunteer community posts, has always been characterized by strong
32 leadership, sound judgment, and integrity.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recommend Mr. Ed Holcombe end his governmental career fishing
35 on Lake Sinclair and recognize him as one of the best schmoozers in the lobbying business
36 in Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ed Holcombe.